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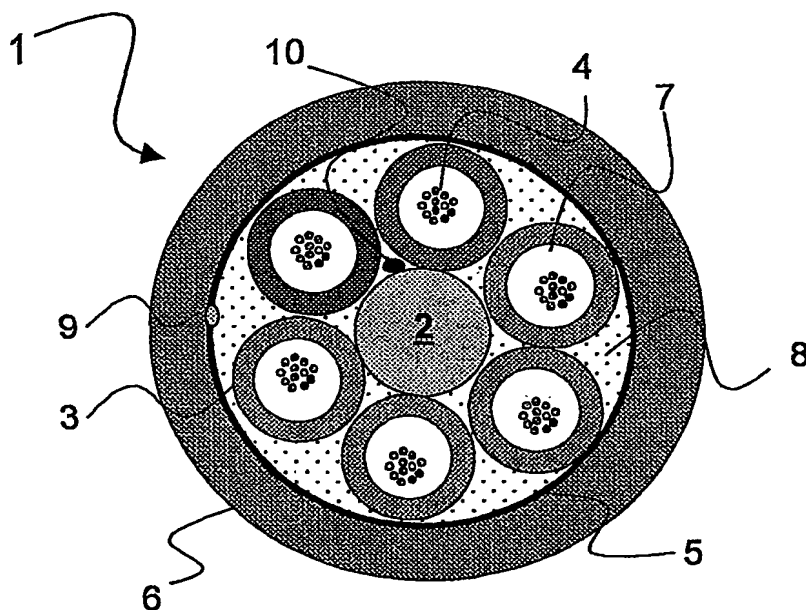
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(57) Abstract: It is described an optical fiber cable having an highly reduced diameter. The cable comprises: a central strength member (2); a number of tubes (3) containing loosely arranged optical fibers (4), each tube (3) having a thickness, each optical fiber having a coating; and a protective outer jacket (6), wherein the filling coefficient of optical fibers in at least one loose tube is $\geq 45\%$; the tubes comprise a material having an elasticity modulus ≥ 700 MPa; and the optical fibers are SM-R fibers having a microbending sensitivity $\leq 4,0$ dB. km⁻¹ / g. mm⁻¹ in a temperature range from about -30 °C to +60 °C at about 1550 nm.